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And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come.—Matthew 24: 14

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THIS WEEK'S COVER—

An artist's depiction of one of the most famous of Biblical scenes is featured on this week's *Star* cover. It was while gathered with His Apostles at the Last Supper that Christ introduced the ordinance of the washing of the feet to teach humility, and admonished his Apostles that "the servant is no greater than his Lord."

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was also administered for the first time on this eventful night, which saw the Lord later betrayed by one of the Twelve, Judas Iscariot. At the Last Supper and later in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus taught His Apostles many other Gospel truths, among the most important of which was in bringing them to a clear understanding of His relationship to the Father.

WHY MORMON MISSIONARIES ?

By ELDER DON B. COLTON

Former President of the Eastern States Mission

SOON after I went to New York as a missionary some four years ago, several of the leading daily papers of that great city sent reporters to interview me. After the colloquy, one of these reporters seemed especially interested in our missionary system.

Said he, "we of the other Christian Churches always regard a call to do missionary work as an invitation or summons to work among heathens." Then he asked, "do you regard us as heathens, and if not why carry on your work among Christians?"

The question was a fair one and the man was very sincere. Of course, I assured him that we did not regard other Christians as heathens, but the question contained a challenge which had to be met squarely.

The Book of Mormon declares: "But behold, that which is of God inviteth and enticeth to do good continually; wherefore everything which inviteth and enticeth to do good, and to love God, and to serve him, is inspired of God." (Moroni 7: 13); and, "Whatsoever is good cometh from God." (Alma 5: 40).

We therefore cannot consistently condemn good wherever found. We do not do that. No person, coming into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is ever asked to discard any good thing ever learned in any other organization. On the contrary, he or she is invited to bring all the good acquired elsewhere into this Church. We say to the investigator, "let us show you additional light, more truth which has been revealed in latter days, which added to that you already have, will make you happier and better. The chief end of life is happiness and joy and our message is one that will bring that, when properly understood."

Manifestly, it will be impossible for me to mention all or even a considerable number of the many glorious, soul-uplifting and life-giving principles which came to earth with the restoration of the fulness of Christ's everlasting Gospel. I shall allude to a few of them. This message reaffirms first the doctrine taught by Paul with reference to Christ when he said:

"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence." (Col. 1: 15, 16, 17, 18).

The doctrine of the Church is definite, clear cut and plain with respect to Christ as shown by the following scriptures:

"And moreover, I say unto you, that there shall be no other name given nor any other way nor means whereby salvation can come only in and through the name of Christ, the Lord Omnipotent." (Mosiah 3: 17).

"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou has sent." (John 17: 3).

I pray you not to under-estimate the value and importance of the first vision of this dispensation. Faith cannot be complete nor doubt removed where there is uncertainty. The first object of the Mormon missionary is to bring assurance to the honest seeking mind that God is a reality. Faith comes by learning but assurance and knowledge come only from God.

We seek to create the faith leading to the sure knowledge referred to by Paul:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." (1 Cor. 2: 9, 10, 11).

Surely if God has revealed Himself in this dispensation and doubt and uncertainty concerning Deity, concerning God the Father, His son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost, can be removed in the minds of people such a mission is worth while.

This is one of the reasons for the great missionary system of the Latter-day Saint Church. Hundreds of thousands bear solemn testimony that obedience to the Gospel requirements has brought knowledge instead of uncertainty. The new revelations have explained how God can be a personal God and at the same time be omnipresent. One of the great stumbling blocks in the way of belief in a personal God has been removed. The glorious conception of a just, loving and merciful Father squares with the equally reassuring and helpful doctrine of the every-where-ness of God. He can be and is Our Father in Heaven and at the same time hears and answers our prayers.



Don B. Colton

The doctrine that God is our Father is to some startling. Notwithstanding that the doctrine of the pre-existence and eternal nature of the spirit of man is taught in the Bible, it is a doctrine peculiar to and accepted only by the Latter-day Saints. Among all the Christian Churches, we alone give an adequate explanation of the origin of the spirit of man, his relationship to Deity and his ultimate destiny. Pass not lightly, I pray you, over this great revelation. What an inspiration to know that man is a literal child of God, created in His own image and with God-like attributes and possibilities. More than two thousand years ago the Psalmist asked the question of God: "What is man that thou art mindful of him." That question remained unanswered until a new revelation came in this day. Missionaries are answering that question in a beautiful and soul comforting way in every nation of the earth that will hear them.

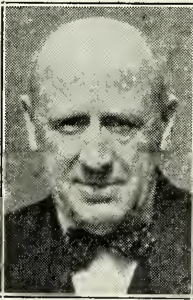
For centuries a query, propounded a thousand years before Christ, has troubled mankind. "If man die shall he live again?"

I might add, "and how will he live?" Mormonism comes to the world with a clear, definite answer that man will live again. The sublime truth has been revealed that heaven is little more than a good home, projected into the eternities, where love and light and joy reign. That earth life is not a "narrow vale between the two barren peaks of eternity," but a splendid privilege to enjoy one of the greatest experiences of an eternity of progress. Here, under the great law of free agency, we are given perhaps our greatest opportunity to prove our ability to walk by faith and to demonstrate our willingness to choose right or wrong as we may elect. No predestination, but glorious election.

The body—"the temple of God"—is given us here as an
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SENATOR THOMAS VISITS BRITAIN

VISITORS to Britain during September were Senator Elbert D. Thomas and his wife, Sister Edna Harker Thomas, of Washington, D.C. Elder Thomas, who is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the United States Senate was one of nine delegates from that body in attendance at the Interparliamentary Union sessions in Paris last month where he was one of the speakers. They spent about two weeks in England and Scotland before sailing for America on September 25th.



Senator Thomas
Visits Britain.

Representatives of 23 nations were in attendance at the Interparliamentary Union sessions. Among Great Britain's delegates were Col. J. Sandeman Allen, Sir Robert Bird, Rhys J. Davies, Viscount Elmley, Sir Percy Harris, Sir Servington Savery and Sir John Shute.

Irish Free State representatives included Mr. F. Fahy, president of the Dail, and William Davin, chief whip.

Elder Thomas was also a delegate to last year's Interparliamentary Union meetings, held in Budapest, Hungary. He and Sister Thomas visited London on their way home at that time.

While in London last month, Senator Thomas was guest speaker before the English Speaking Union of the British Empire. He also spoke to a meeting of missionaries at Mission headquarters.

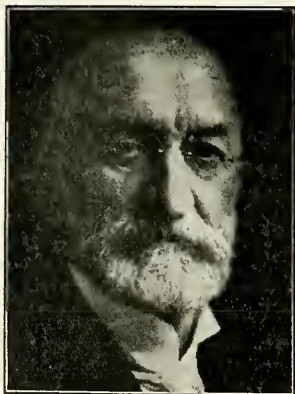
Both Elder and Sister Thomas are active Church workers. For five years (1907-12) he presided over the Japanese Mission of the Church and at present is a member of the Sunday School General Board. Until moving from Utah to Washington five years ago, Sister Thomas was a member of the general presidency of the Primary Association.—PARRY D. SORENSEN

THE POWER OF RIGHT LIVING

Centennial Conference Address.

BY PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

AS I have remarked upon each occasion when I have stood before an audience in this conference, I am delighted to be here. I am very grateful for the opportunity that has come to me to again visit this land. And again I repeat that I consider the three years I spent here in presiding over the British and European Mission to be outstanding three years of my life. This experience is one of the dearest to me of my life. I have an ambition and a desire that during my remaining years here upon the earth I may have the physical and mental strength to continue to proclaim with vigour the restoration to the earth of the plan of life and salvation, the Gospel of Jesus Christ which has again been established upon the earth by authority from heaven. To distinguish this Church from the former Church "Latter-day Saints" has been added to the title of the Church of Jesus Christ.



President Grant

People in the world at large do not believe that we have the truth, but the Lord has said that straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life eternal and few there be that find it. We have found it and many of us are walking in that straight path. But broad is the way that leads to destruction. One of a city and two of a family were to embrace the truth. Many and many a sermon has caused men to go away from the meeting in which the sermon was delivered, full of animosity, hatred, and determination to des-

troy the preacher and the Church with which he was connected. On the other hand in that identical meeting there have been a few honest souls seeking for the truth whose hearts have been touched and they have embraced the Gospel.

I am grateful beyond expression that so far as I know, no man or woman who has embraced this Church with an honest heart has left it, provided he or she has kept the commandments of the Lord. I am grateful that as people keep the commandments of the Lord they grow in the testimony, light and knowledge of the Gospel, in the love of it, and in a capacity to live it and to inspire others to do so. On the other hand, I have seen men, no matter how high the position might be they have reached, neglect their duties and turn away, and many of them have become enemies of the Church, full of wickedness, and some of them, to use a common expression, have lied like pick-pockets in an effort to destroy the Church.

There are two powers in this world: One of those powers tried

to destroy the boy Joseph Smith before he saw God and Jesus Christ. Representatives of this same power tried to destroy Heber C. Kimball and others who brought the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Britain, but they were not capable of doing so, and they are not capable of converting honest souls because their power comes from beneath. There are two spirits striving with all of us. There is no labour in which we engage but that there is a spirit telling us, "Oh, you do not need to do that, it is a waste of time and you ought to be engaged in something else." On the other hand, there is a still small voice telling us what is right and if we listen to that still small voice, we shall grow and increase in strength and power, in testimony and in ability not only to live the Gospel, but to inspire others to do so.

My most earnest prayer is that every man and every woman will get it into his and her heart that they are in very deed the architects of their lives, the drawers of the plan. We find recorded in the 29th Chapter of Alma: "The Lord granteth unto men according to the desires of their heart, whether it be unto life or death, joy or remorse of conscience." Let us have a desire, so far as God has endowed us with the ability to do so, to keep His commandments, to seek for His mind and will to govern us.

A revelation was given to Oliver Cowdery telling him that it was his duty to pray about things and to study them out in his mind, and then to ask God if they be right; that if they were right, the Lord would cause his bosom to burn within him and, therefore, he would feel that they were right. But that if they were not right, he would have no such feelings, but a stupor of thought that should cause him to forget the things which were wrong. I have never found a thing, from the day I was a young boy in my teens, that has weakened my faith in the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormon or the Bible.

In my youth I read a book entitled, *The Cause and Cure of Infidelity*, and there came into my heart a perfect abiding testimony that the Bible is exactly what it purports to be. In reading the Book of Mormon in my teens that same identical testimony came to me. In all of my journeys, in all of my reading and coming in contact with leading men at home and abroad, I have never found anything that has weakened my faith in the divine authenticity of the Bible or the Book of Mormon.

On the other hand, I have found evidence after evidence, truth after truth, that has confirmed completely my faith in these two remarkable and wonderful books, and I have been constantly and always getting additional evidences of the divine mission of Joseph Smith, the prophet of the true and the living God.

I am grateful that nothing has disturbed my faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that I do not know any man or woman whose faith has been disturbed who was faithfully

keeping the commandments of God. I have sometimes thought that people who had great manifestations needed a miracle almost every little while to keep them in working order. When I think of Oliver Cowdery seeing Jesus Christ in the Kirtland Temple, when I think of the Angel of God exhibiting to him and to others the plates from which the Book of Mormon was translated, and his testimony of the divinity of that book, when I think of John the Baptist, the identical man who baptized the Saviour of the world, laying his hands upon his head and giving to him the authority of the Aaronic Priesthood and then commanding him and Joseph Smith, seeing they had the authority, to baptize each other; When I think of those two men being promised that Peter, James, and John the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ who stood at the head of the Church after the crucifixion of the Saviour, should come and restore the Apostleship again to the earth and that they came as promised; and ordained Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery; when I think of the remarkable and wonderful revelations which were given to this identical man, Oliver Cowdery, and then think of his being utilized as a scribe in the writing of the Book of Mormon, and later apostatizing, it seems almost incredible that such a thing could happen. Why did he apostatize? Simply because he did not keep the commandments of God. Because he did not sustain and uphold the man who in the providence of the Lord was called to stand at the head of this Church. You need have no fear that any man will ever stand at the head of the Church of Jesus Christ unless our Heavenly Father wants him to be there. You need have no fear that when one of the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ delivers a prophecy in the name of Jesus Christ, because he is inspired to do that, that it will fall by the way side. I know of more than one prophecy which, looking at it naturally (year after year and year after year passed), it looked as though it would fall to the ground, but lo and behold, in the providences of the Lord, that prophecy was fulfilled.

I am happy to be here. I rejoice in the Gospel. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Redeemer and Saviour of mankind. I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the true and living God, the instrument in the hands of God in establishing again upon the earth the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I know that he stands at the head of this dispensation although he is on the other side; I know that he is directing this work; that he has had men become Apostles because the inspiration from God was that they should be called to that position. I call to mind one who when he was ordained to be one of the Apostles was told by President Joseph F. Smith, "You come into the Council of the Twelve as the representative of the Prophet Joseph Smith."

May God help each and all of us to so live that as we grow in years and increase in understanding we may grow in the light, knowledge and testimony of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is my humble prayer, and I ask it in humility and in the name of our Redeemer and Saviour, Amen.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR

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EDITORIAL

THE NEARER REACHES

With an aim such as Latter-day Saints have taken, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect," we must guard against discouragement. The climb upward stretches so far ahead that the mountain top is lost in veiling mists. If we do not fix clearly in our minds what the goal is, we may wander off and become lost.

Having once fixed our aim in our minds, we can turn our attention to the nearer reaches of the path which leads to that goal. We must keep the nearer parts of the road clear from crowding and malignant growth which shuts off the view and leaves us to wander into places from which there is no outlet and where stagnation and death await. Sometimes we become content with a lesser goal and lose sight of the ultimate destination towards which we were formerly working. Sometimes we wander aimlessly rather than pursue our course. We find that we have covered as much ground and expended as much energy in our wandering as we should have used had we continued straight ahead. We stop to cool ourselves by a wayside brook when, if we had climbed onward, we could have refreshed ourselves at the spring from which all who drink will never thirst again. We discover too late that we have been satisfied with a temporary palliative when we might have had eternal satisfaction.

Mothers particularly need to keep the nearer reaches of the path clear, because in addition to travelling the distance themselves, they must also lead the children along the way they should go. With both children and adults, often only short distances can be covered. In safeguarding against serious trouble, time should be provided for rest. The periods of rest must be wisely directed. The relaxation will offer time for meditation and contemplation when we can consider for ourselves and those who travel with us the many truths which have been revealed to

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Rest and
Meditation**

help guide us in attaining our goal. While we are resting, we have a chance to contemplate the heavens, not the earth. We are forced to remember that it is by the kindness of heaven that earth brings forth her fruits for our material bodies. It is by the mercy of heaven that inspiration comes to guide our eternal souls.

The inspired moments are precious and exceedingly rare. We must, through our periods of rest, try to build for some of the inspired moments that we may keep in tune with the Higher Will and become instruments of His accomplishment. Since it is by contemplation alone that man touches the infinite part of himself, which is above reason, we should consider the plans for the day's journey. We shall find that as we plan, day by day, without adding the burdens of the past and the future—and yet keeping the end always in view—we can find in the nearer reaches of our journey a satisfaction from our accomplishment that will leave us with a renewed desire and a confidence that we shall attain our goal and indeed reach perfection.

—MARBA C. JOSEPHSON

BE THOU FEARFUL ONLY OF THYSELF

If our bad, unspoken thoughts are registered against us, will not the good thoughts unspoken, the love and tenderness, the pity, beauty and charity which pass through the breast and cause the heart to throb with silent good, find remembrance, too? It is said that our words, once out of our lips, go travelling on, reverberating forever and ever. If our words why not our thoughts? We never know how far or how deeply our words will sink. They may travel quickly to a great distance or simply dig their way into some nearby heart and lodge there, growing into something real. It pays well to guard our lips. And it pays truly as well to guard our thoughts.

Accustom yourself, therefore, to think upon nothing but what you could fully reveal, if the question were put to you, so that if your soul were laid open, there would nothing appear but what could be brought to the light without blushing. The key to every man is his thoughts. Such as are thy habitual thoughts, so also will be the character of thy mind, for the soul is dyed by the thoughts.

Our character is always within ourselves, but our reputation is in others. Reputation is the light by which the world looks for what we are—it is what men and women think; but character is what God and angels know of us.

Be thou then fearful only of thyself, and stand in awe on none more than thy own conscience, for there is in every man a severe censor of his manners. And he that reverences this judge will seldom do anything he need repent of.

“He that walketh upright and speaketh the truth in his heart, and walks humbly with God, shall dwell in the Holy House.”—ELMA HAYMOND WAGNER.

THE HOLY TRINITY

By Elder James E. Talmage.

“**WE** believe in God the Eternal Father, and in His Son Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Ghost.”

So runs the first of the “Articles of Faith” of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A similar declaration of belief has place in most creeds or churches called Christian. The Scriptures affirm the existence of the Supreme Trinity, constituting the Godhead, the governing Council of the heavens and the earth.

The very name “Trinity” which is commonly current in the literature of Christian theology, connotes three distinct entities, and such we believe to be the scriptural signification and therefore expressive of the actual constitution of the Godhead. Three Personages are comprised, each designated by the exalted title “God,” and each of whom has separately and individually revealed Himself to mankind; these are (1) God the Eternal Father, (2) God the Son or Jesus Christ, and (3) God the Holy Ghost.

That the three are individually separate and distinct Personages is evidenced by such Scriptures as the following. As our Lord Jesus Christ emerged from the baptismal waters of Jordan, John, the officiating priest, recognized the visible sign of the Holy Ghost, while he saw before him the Christ with a tangible body of flesh and bones, and heard the voice of the Eternal Father saying: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” (Matt. 3: 16, 17). The three Personages were there present, each manifesting Himself in a different manner to mortal sense, and plainly, each distinct from the others.

Again, in that last solemn interview with His apostles on the night of the betrayal, the Lord Jesus thus cheered with sublime assurance their sorrowful despair: “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me.” (John 15: 26). Could the members of the Trinity be more definitely segregated? That the Comforter is the Holy Ghost is expressly set forth in the preceding chapter (John 14: 26), and in that passage also the Father and the Son are as separately specified.

That the Eternal Father and His Son Jesus Christ are individual Personages is clear from the very fact of the relationship expressed, for no being can be his own father or his own son. The numerous Scriptures in which Christ is shown as praying to His Father abundantly testify of Their distinct personality; and, furthermore, amidst the indescribable glory of our Lord’s transfiguration from out of the cloud came the voice of the Father, avowing again: “This is my beloved Son.”

The individual members of the Holy Trinity are united in purpose, plan, and method. To conceive of disagreement, differences, or dissension among them would be to regard them as lacking in the attributes of perfection that characterize Godhood. But that this unity involves any merging of personality is nowhere attested in Scripture, and the mind is

incapable of apprehending such a union.

In the course of His soulful High-Priestly prayer, Christ supplicated the Father in behalf of the Apostles, asking "that they may be one" as He and the Father were one (John 17: 11). Surely the Lord did not intimate that He would have the Apostles lose their individuality and become one person and indeed, He had long before assured them that at a time which is even yet future they "shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel." (Matt. 19: 28).

Human knowledge concerning the attributes of God and the nature of the Godhead is such as has been revealed from the heavens. Divine revelation is the ultimate source of all we know of the being and personality of the Deity. Through revelation in ancient days God was made known to man—to Adam, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses and the prophets. And in the present age, after mankind had in great measure come to reject the plain and simple truths of a personal God and His actual Son Jesus Christ, such as the Scriptures affirm, the Father and the Son have revealed Themselves anew.

First in a Series

This is the first of a series of articles dealing with Mormon doctrine written by the late Dr. James E. Talmage, member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles from 1911 until his death in 1933 and European and British Mission president in 1924-28. He was born in Hungerford, Berkshire. This article and those to follow are selected from Elder Talmage's book, *The Vitality of Mormonism*.

Joseph Smith has given us his solemn testimony that in the early spring of 1820, while engaged in solitary prayer, to which he had been impelled by scriptural admonition, he was visited by the Eternal Father and His Son Jesus Christ, and that the Father, pointing to the Christ, spake, saying, "This is my beloved Son, hear Him."

In this wise was ushered in the Dispensation of the Fulness of Times, foretold by the Apostle of old (Eph. 1: 10). In 1820 there was on earth one mortal who knew beyond all question that the human conception of Deity,

as an incorporeal essence of something possessing neither form nor substance, is as devoid of truth in respect of both the Father and the Son as its statement in formulated creeds is incomprehensible.

Joseph Smith has proclaimed anew to the world the simple truth that the Eternal Father and His glorified Son Jesus Christ are in form and stature perfect Men; and that in Their physical likeness mankind has been created in the flesh.

SCOTTISH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Scottish District conference will convene on Sunday, October 10th, at the Christian Institute, 70, Bothwell Street, Glasgow. President Hugh B. Brown will be principal speaker, and sessions will begin at 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m., and 6 p.m. A testimony meeting will precede the morning session, beginning at 10 a.m.

Newcastle District conference will be held the week following, on October 17th, at Queen's Hall, Fowler Street, South Shields.

Dates of the Liverpool and Sheffield District conferences have been changed. Liverpool District will be held on November 14th instead of November 21st, and Sheffield has been changed from November 14th to November 21st.

WHY MORMON MISSIONARIES ?

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eternal dwelling place for our spirits. We are taught how to take care of it, that health and happiness may be ours here and highest exaltation and bliss given us in the hereafter.

The laws of health have a very prominent place in the plan of life. In the Gospel of Christ there is no separation of life and religion. Religion, when properly understood, is life.

This truth is not only taught by the Latter-day Saint missionaries, but they come to realize it in their own lives. Let me frankly state that one of the greatest blessings of the missionary system of the Church is the good it does to the missionary. Let us hope this is not the motivating or primary reason for accepting the call, but nevertheless, great good comes to the individual and the Church as a result of the mission. A missionary has a wonderful opportunity of studying the Gospel of Christ. Indeed, it is made a part of his or her duty to study. Search is made for truth everywhere. Because of a mission, many a missionary has found God.

Daily prayer and communion with God becomes a part of life to one who is in the ministry. Above all, the great necessity of personal purity and clear living becomes a part of the "warp and woof" of life. The missionary returns home, if duty has been fully performed, with a deep realization of the meaning and purpose of life.

During the missionary experience opportunity is given to study and compare other religions and the Church has never suffered because of this comparison. On the contrary, a deeper testimony of the divinity of this work comes to all.

The great missionary plan is itself a constant source of inspiration and added assurance of the divine origin of so-called "Mormonism." Whence came the idea of making every worthy man and woman preachers of righteousness? Did such a movement for the betterment of the world have other than a divine origin? The Saviour inquired, "Do men gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles?" Can an impure fountain send forth pure water? Every man and woman out on a mission is the product of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Every tree is judged by its fruit. Judge ye the fruit of this great tree!

So the message is not confined to truths pertaining to life hereafter. It teaches the way to happiness here. From birth to death the Church is interested in helping its membership.

In brief, then, and by way of summary: Latter-day Saint missionaries go out with the thrilling message to all nations that the Lord Jesus has spoken again in this, our day, to His prophets; that He has given authority directly to man to officiate in His name and for Him in all things pertaining to life and salvation; that the saving graces of the Gospel extend to all and meet every requirement of human life. They bring happiness to earth and eternal bliss in the hereafter. Surely such a message is worthy of every effort, sacrifice and labour given by the missionaries who engage earnestly in the ministry. God bless them in their glorious work.

LET'S GO TO MUTUAL!

By ELDER EDWIN H. LAUBER

Executive Secretary, Y.M.M.I.A.

With such an appealing slogan as the above title, the Mutual Improvement Organizations in Latter-day Saint branches throughout the Mission are getting their 1937-38 season under way.

M.I.A. work carries an appeal to both member and non-member alike. Devised by experts in the educational, recreational and social fields, the programmes for the coming season are perhaps the most outstanding yet offered. From the Executives' Manual we list the following ten reasons for the slogan, "Let's Go To Mutual."

1. It places one in companionship with the best elements in the community.

2. It gives unusual social advantages, and provides wholesome recreation under proper leadership.

3. It affords opportunity to express oneself before the public, which in itself is a valuable training for the duties of life.

4. It enables one to discover one's possibilities and to render actual service to others.

5. It satisfies every condition and want usually supplied by social societies, literary organizations and private clubs; and it teaches young women proper conduct at dances and socials.

6. It develops the young man and boy in athletics and scoutcraft; and teaches the girl the essentials of home-making. It provides for them both all forms of wholesome recreation.

7. It affords training in music, drama, dancing, public speaking, story-telling, and other fine arts, and helps one to find one's life work.

8. It gives one something good to do; it keeps alive the ideals of noble ancestors, and holds one in harmony with the spirit of the Gospel.

9. It offers opportunity for the study of religious, ethical, social, and industrial questions of the day from a "Mormon" point of view, and under the influence of the spirit of the Gospel. It thus prepares young people for missionary service at home and abroad.

10. It makes one proud to belong to an organization of a hundred thousand working for the spiritual, social, and intellectual advancement of its membership.

VALUES OF LIFE

Anonymous

Supposing to-day were your last day on earth;

The last mile of the journey you've trod;

After all your struggles how much are you worth?

How much can you take home to God?

Don't count as possessions your silver or gold;

For tomorrow you leave them behind;

And all that is yours to have and to hold,

Are the blessings you've given mankind.

Just what have you done as you journeyed along;

That was really and truly worth while?

Do you think your good deeds would offset the wrong?

Could you look o'er your life with a smile?

We are only supposing, but if it were real,

And you voiced your deeds since your birth;

And you figured the "profits" you've made in life's deal;

How much are you really worth?

NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

ON HIS seventy-third birthday anniversary, Bishop John Wells, second counsellor in the Presiding



Bishop Wells

Bishopric was honoured by friends and relatives. Bishop Wells was born September 16th, 1864, in Carlton, Nottinghamshire, and joined the Church when 18 years of age. Seven years later he emigrated to Utah and the next year began working in the office of the Presiding Bishop. In 1898, he became chief clerk, and was sustained as second counsellor in the Presiding Bishopric in 1918. Bishop Wells has also been a member of the Ensign Stake Presidency and High Council.

GROWTH AND PROGRESS of the Church in Europe is reflected in a recent letter received by President Richard R. Lyman from President Thomas E. McKay, president of the newly formed Swiss-Austrian Mission: "It is certainly astonishing," President McKay writes, "to realize that there are now five mission presidents presiding over the area over which I presided 27 years ago." President McKay once presided over what are now the two German missions, Czechoslovakian, French and Swiss-Austrian missions.

APPRECIATION for the services rendered by six Mormon missionaries at the World Boy Scout Jamboree in Holland

was expressed by Mr. A. P. Weber, of the Boy Scouts of America in a letter to President Richard R. Lyman. Mr. Weber's letter stated in part: "I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation, as well as that of the Boy Scouts of America for the splendid assistance of LeRoy Davis, Don Fitzgerald, LeRoy Olson, Richard Card, F. B. Jex and Donald Norton at our World Jamboree in Holland. I am happy to report to you that these young men proved very valuable in the operation of our trading posts at the Holland Jamboree and that their services were satisfactory in every respect. All of them were conscientious, prompt, willing, and dependable at all times, and I know that both you and the Mormon Church must be proud to have such men active in the work you are doing." The above named elders, all of whom are labouring in various European missions, were chosen to operate the Trading Posts in the American Camp at the World Jamboree.



NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Before a crowd of 212 assembled in Greyfriars Hall, President Hugh B. Brown was the principal speaker at the evening session of Nottingham District conference, held Sunday, October 3rd. District President Samuel Pears conducted the session, at which Supervising Elder Orlando S. McBride and Elder Edwin H. Lauber were also speakers. Fifty non-members were in attendance at the meeting.

Afternoon session speakers included President Brown, Sister Dorothy Herron, lady missionary, Elders E. Leon Mather, H. Hooper Mortensen and Clifford W. Bagley.

Brother Thomas Wright, second counsellor in the district presidency, conducted. The morning meeting was conducted by Brother Joseph Orton, Jr. and speakers were President Brown, Sister Elvera Campbell, lady missionary, Elders Reginald Hunsaker, Charles W. Hailes, and George Easton Brown.

Musical numbers for the conference sessions were provided by the Leicester and Eastwood Branch choirs and the Mansfield Branch chorus. Sister Dorothy Blythe, of Mansfield Branch sang a vocal solo at the evening meeting.

OF CURRENT INTEREST

THE MEMORY of Virginia Dare, first English native American, was honored last month by Roanoke Islanders in North Carolina on the occasion of the 350th Anniversary of her birth. The largest crowd ever gathered there swarmed through gaily decorated streets and into nearby Fort Raleigh, site of Sir Walter Raleigh's lost colony, to hear an address by President Roosevelt. A cabled message from Mr. Anthony Eden was then read, which stated in part: "The celebration of this event cannot fail to stir the heart of every Englishman, on whom it impresses vividly the realization of the part that his forefathers played in the foundation of this great country. It is on occasions such as this that we appreciate more keenly than ever the ties of friendship that exist between the English-speaking countries of the world."

AIRLINERS of 1947 will be a giant flying wing, with no cabin fuselage and no tail, according to Donald Douglas, famous designer and founder of the aircraft factory which bears his name. The propeller hubs of half a dozen motors will protrude from the slightly V-shaped wing, permitting a hundred persons and tons of baggage and mail to be carried, probably flying in the sub-stratosphere. "We have seen struts, braces and guy wires disappear," says Hall L. Hibbard, another designer. "The next step is the vanishing of the fuselage itself, which is not practical in a craft weighing more than 200,000 pounds." Both men agree that to-morrow's airliner will be controlled through wing-tip fins and wing ailerons. Douglas says speeds of 250 miles an hour will be high enough for a long time, but Hibbard prophesies even 500 might not be "tops."

MILK is fast becoming a national beverage in Australia. Last year Sydney consumed the record quantity of 33,500,000 gallons, or an average of slightly less than half a pint a day per person, following the

biggest dairy advertising campaign ever undertaken in the country. Milk bars have played an important part in making Sydney milk-minded. The first bar opened in Sydney five years ago and now there are two hundred scattered around the city area alone. An Australian, Hugh D. McIntosh, is credited with having introduced the milk bar to England. With a renewed advertising and publicity campaign the Sydney Milk Board hopes to increase the consumption of milk to a daily pint per person.

WOOL produced chemically from skim milk is the result of experiments being conducted in Italy. Lanital, as the new product is called, is a cousin to rayon, and is the result of three years' experimentation carried on by Antonio Ferretti at Milan. It is obtained from the casein left in the skim milk after the butter fat has been removed, and a hundred pounds of milk are used to produce three pounds of the wool substitute. The manufacturing process is so similar to that of rayon, practically the same type of machinery can be used for both products. Dino Grandi, Italian Ambassador to Great Britain, recently demonstrated its use in the textile world by wearing a suit of the artificial wool made from 170 pints of waste skim milk.

POSTERS are being distributed in North Carolina by the Alcoholic Board of Control of Edgecombe County, containing a picture of General Robert E. Lee and his statement directed to youth, which follows: "My experience through life has convinced me that while moderation and temperance in all things are commendable and beneficial, abstinence from spirituous liquor is the best safeguard to morals and health." The action is part of a total abstinence campaign being carried out by southern dries, replacing a recent ban placed on liquor displays in the southern state.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Release—

Elder Le Roy A. Kettle was honourably released on October 1st, to return to his home in Salt Lake City. He has laboured in Birmingham and Norwich Districts, being supervising elder of the latter.

Arrivals and Assignments—

Elders Clarence A. Beckstrom and Gustaf Lorenzo Larson arrived from the Swedish Mission on September 23rd and were assigned to labour in Bristol District. Elder Beckstrom is from Benjamin, Utah, and Elder Larson is from Dietrich, Idaho.

Doings in the Districts—

LIVERPOOL—The opening social of Nelson Branch M.I.A. was held on Saturday, September 25th. The programme included a concert and dancing. Over fifty members and friends were present.

LEEDS—Leeds Branch M.I.A. held its opening social on Thursday, September 16th. The programme included items by Sisters Annie Wigglesworth, Florence Butterfield, Sarah Laycock, Mary Brown, Brothers Leslie Camm, Fred Laycock, and Thomas Matthews; accordian solos by Ronald Parkinson and Dennis Lowe, non-members; and a play by members of the Branch. The evening finished with community singing, under the direction of Sister Bertha Farrel, and games.

Brother and Sister George Camm gave an "at home" party recently for members of the Leeds M.I.A. A supper was prepared and served by Sister Doris Camm.

BIRMINGHAM — In the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, September 21st, Nuneaton Branch M.I.A. held its opening social. Brother Edgar A. Cater, M.I.A. president, took charge, assisted by his counsellors, Sisters Madge Hugo and Emma Seckington. After a programme of musical items, games were played. A large number of members and friends were in attendance.

On Saturday, September 27th,

Handsworth Branch M.I.A. held its opening social, with approximately fifty people attending. After a kit by members of the Beehive class, games were enjoyed under the direction of Elders Karl F. Foster and Burton S. Miller. Refreshments were served by Sisters Elizabeth Joseph and Alvin Joseph.

NORWICH — The M.I.A. opening social of Norwich Branch was held in the Chapel school room on Saturday, September 18th. Brother Cyril Durrant, Y.M.M.I.A. president, took charge of the affair, which consisted of games followed by dancing.

At a baptismal service at the Norwich Branch Chapel on Sunday, September 19th, the following were baptized and confirmed: Florence Hilda Fitt, of Norwich Branch, baptized by Elder John E. Cameron and confirmed by Elder Richard B. Mendenhall; Mary Elizabeth Bly, of Yarmouth Branch, baptized by Branch President Albert Cole and confirmed by Elder Lee S. Manwill; and Reginald Dupin, of Lowestoft Branch, baptized by Supervising Elder Julius A. Leetham and confirmed by District President Frank M. Coleby. Elder Leetham conducted the service.

HULL—Grimsby Branch Sunday School sponsored a supper on Thursday, September 16th, under the direction of Sisters Dora Reynolds and Mavis Oxley. Dancing, games, and community singing, directed by Elder Leslie W. Dunn with the assistance of Brother Harry Garnett, were enjoyed by the members and friends present. Members of the Relief Society served the supper.

SCOTTISH—The Millennial Chorus arrived in Glasgow on Wednesday, September 22nd. On Tuesday, September 28th, they began the truth and song series, "Jesus the Christ." They will give a concert on Saturday evening, October 9th, preceding the Scottish District conference which is scheduled for October 10th.

LATTER-DAY SAINT MEETING PLACES IN BRITAIN

- Aberdeen:**
Corn Exchange,
Hadden Street,
Off Market Street
- Accrington:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Over 9, Church St.
- Airdrie:**
L. D. S. Hall,
40, Hallcraig Street.
- Barnsley:**
Arcade Buildings.
- Batley:**
L. D. S. Hall,
13, Wellington Street.
- Belfast:**
Arcade Buildings,
122, Upper North St.
- Birmingham:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
23, Booth Street.
Handsworth.
Council Schools,
Stratford Road,
Sparkbrook.
- Blackburn:**
L. D. S. Hall,
St. Peter's Street.
- Bolton:**
Corporation
Chambers.
- Bradford:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Woodlands Street,
Off City Road.
- Brighton:**
105, Queen's Road.
- Bristol:**
Hannah More Hall,
45, Park St., Clifton.
- Burnley:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
1, Liverpool Road,
Rosegrove.
- Cardiff:**
Enquire:
98, Albany Road.
- Clayton:**
Central Hall.
- Derby:**
Unity Hall.
- Doncaster:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Trafford Street.
- Dublin:**
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Merrion Row.
- Eastwood:**
Library, Church St.
- Edinburgh:**
Ruskin House,
15, Windsor Place.
- Gainsborough:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Curtis Yard.
- Gateshead:**
Westfield Hall,
Westfield Terrace.
- Glasgow:**
L. D. S. Hall,
4, Nelson Street,
- Gravesend:**
Freeborn Hall,
Peacock Street.
- Great Yarmouth:**
L. D. S. Hall
66a, South Quay.
- Grimmsby:**
Thrift Hall,
Pasture Street.
- Halifax:**
L. D. S. Hall,
35, Brinton Terrace,
Off Hansen Lane.
- Hexham:**
Deseret,
Alexandra Terrace.
- Hucknall:**
Byron Buildings.
- Hull:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Wellington Lane, and
Berkeley Street.
- Hyde:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Reynold Street.
- Kidderminster:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Park Street.
- Leeds:**
L. D. S. Hall,
5, Westfield Road.
- Leicester:**
All Saints' Open,
Great Central Street.
- Letchworth:**
Vasanta Hall,
Gernon Walk.
- Liverpool:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
301, Edge Lane.
- London:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
59, Clissold Rd., N.16.
Ravenslea,
149, Nightingale Lane,
S.W.12.
- Loughborough:**
Adult School.
- Lowestoft:**
L. D. S. Hall,
20, Clapham Road.
- Luton:**
Dallow Road Hall,
Corner of Dallow and
Naseby Roads.
- Mansfield:**
39a, Albert Street.
- Manchester:**
L. D. S. Hall,
88, Clarendon Road.
- Merthyr Tydfil:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Penyard Road.
- Middlesbrough:**
L. D. S. Hall,
188, Linthorpe Road.
- Nelson:**
L. D. S. Hall,
10, Hibson Road.
- Northampton:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
89, St. Michael's Str.
- North Walsham:**
Enquire:
32, Norwich Road.
- Nottingham:**
L. D. S. Hall,
8, Southwell Road.
- Norwich:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
60, Park Lane.
- Nuneaton:**
Masonic Hall.
- Oldham:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Neville Street,
- Plymouth:**
L. D. S. Hall,
34, Park Street,
Tavistock Road.
- Pontllunfraith:**
Enquire:
81, Brynteg Street.
- Portsmouth:**
Pimco Hall,
Heidelberg Road,
Southsea.
- Preston, Lancs:**
L. D. S. Hall,
96, Friargate.
- Rawmarsh:**
L. D. S. Hall,
Main Street.
- Rochdale:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Lower Sheriff St.
- Sheffield:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
Corner of Ellesmere
and Lyons Roads.
- Shildon:**
L. D. S. Hall,
100, Main Street.
- Skelton:**
Scott Rooms,
Boosebeck Road,
Skelton Green.
- South Shields:**
L. D. S. Chapel,
98, Fowler Street.
- St. Albans:**
49, Spencer Street.
- Sunderland:**
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18, Tunstall Road.
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